

Testing in Combat

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Introduction

- How best to exploit the needs and opportunities presented by taking new military systems into combat before testing is completed

Topics of Discussion

- Responsibility
- Risk/reward
- Expectations
- Documentation
- Opportunity
- Accelerated deployment

Responsibility

- Combat command and test command agreement
- Full disclosure of system status
- Competent/trained operators
- Assured support
- Criteria to end test
- Objectivity

Risk/Reward

- Lethal systems
- Intel systems
- Command & Control systems
- Support systems
- Information systems

Expectations

- Sponsor
- User
- CINC

Documentation

- Test results
- Untested requirements
- Workarounds
- Tester role
- Contractor involvement
- Program management role

Opportunity

- Unique opportunity
- Risk
- Candor
- Program recognition
- Program schedule impact

Accelerated Deployment

- Contingency plan
- Prioritize requirements
- Exploit test team
- Continuous assessment
- Program selection
- Funding/incentive
- Payoff